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Dear Sir:

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entitled METHODS FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS DETECTION OF HCV ANTIGENS
AND HCV ANTIBODIES are the following:

1. Amendment and Response (18 Pages);
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 29, 2003,
please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 12, without prejudice.

Please replace pending claims 1, 8 and 14 with the
following amended claims having the same numbering:

1. (amended) A method of simultaneously detecting at
least one Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) antigen and at least
one HCV antibody in a test sample comprising the steps
of:

(a) contacting said test sample with:

1) at least one HCV antigen or portion thereof
coated on a solid phase, for a time and under conditions

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